

COUNCIL BRIEFS

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Health District stresses the importance of vaccines: With all of the current emphasis on vaccination for measles in response to the nationwide outbreak, the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District would like to remind residents that it provides immunizations for vaccine preventable diseases for people over 5 years of age. Click here to view the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 0-18](#).

Vaccine recommendations for adolescents and adults are based on a variety of factors including age, overall health status, and medical history. To help you understand what vaccines you might need, you can take the [Adolescent and Adult Vaccine Quiz](#) online. Print your results and discuss them with your doctor or health care professional at your next office visit.

If you have questions about immunizations or would like to make an appointment to get immunized, call the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District at 860-561-7900.

Comments sought for the Complete Streets Policy: The Department of Community Services has prepared a draft Complete Street Policy based on research of best practices from the American Planning Association and from peer communities. The Town is now soliciting feedback and welcome the community's input. [Click here to view the document](#).

Comments may be submitted until Friday, February 20 to Town Planner Todd Dumais, by email at todd.dumais@westhartfordct.gov, fax at 561-7400, mail or in person. A final draft will be submitted to the Town Council in March.

The Complete Streets Policy includes rights-of-ways (roads, sidewalks, etc.) that are planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained in such a way as to enable safe, comfortable and convenient access by users of all ages and

abilities, including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and drivers. The Town actively promotes safe streets through engineering, education and enforcement of all of its rights-of-ways and the Complete Streets Policy will be a tool used to ensure that road construction and reconstruction projects are planned, funded, designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the Complete Streets principles.

Hall High School pilots a cafeteria recycling program: On Wednesday, February 11, a new cafeteria recycling station was put into use at the Hall High School and students begin recycling food waste and separating recyclable items.

Hall's student Environmental Club has been working hard to ramp up the school's recycling program by training students and staff on how to use the new station. This project is intended to serve as a pilot for all of the public schools.

Cast your vote for West Hartford's best: It's time to vote in *Hartford Magazine's* "Best of" Readers Poll. Thanks to your votes in the past, several Town of West Hartford facilities and events have been consistent winners. Here's our categories:

FOOD: Farm to Table Dinners: Feast on the Farm, West Hartford

SERVICES: Libraries: West Hartford Libraries

ENTERTAINMENT: Golf Courses (Public): Rockledge

ENTERTAINMENT: Local Annual Event: Celebrate West Hartford

Please remember that you need to vote for a total of 10 things for your ballot to count. Thank you in advance for promoting West Hartford! [Click here to begin](#).

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